

Puerta de San Juan
San Juan, Puerto Rico

HABS No. PR-43

HABS
PR
7-SATU,
3-

PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HABS
PR
7-SAJU
3-

PUERTA DE SAN JUAN
(San Juan Gate)
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Owner: U. S. Military Reservation

Date of Erection: Originally constructed about 1632; the
wooden gate itself reconstructed in 1749

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Governor Enrique Enriquez de Sotomayor

Present Condition: Very good

Materials of Construction: Similar to the construction of
San Juan Walls, that is, masonry
with sandstone

Other Existing Records: None

Additional Data: The Puerta de San Juan faces a small inlet
near the entrance of San Juan Bay which
was used as the anchorage during the 16th
and 17th centuries. Even before the city
had been completely surrounded by walls,
the Puerta de San Juan became the usual
place of entry into the city. This fact
is suggested by the inscription that was
upon its lintel: "Benedictus qui venit in
Nomine Domine."

W 6/15/37